of Spices under the Spices Board, on the pattern of cardamom.

Facilities at Appu Ghar.

1867. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the facilities at Appu Ghar of Delhi are not within the reach of the poor children because of the high price of tickets; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Appu Ghar in Pragati Maidan is run by a private company on a licence given by the Trade Fair Authority of India. Ticket rates vary from Re. 1/-to Rs. 3/-per ride. The rates have not been revised for the last six years.

Higher duty charged on import of flouro-polymers

1868. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Export-Import Policy has been framed so as to ensure lower rate of duty on raw materials such as flouro-polymers and flouro-elastomers (commonly known as engineering plastics) than the finished products/components;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an anomaly exists in the present EXIM policy where the above principle has not been adhered to the above raw-material; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to rectify the anomaly by reducing the duty to reasonable percentage?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) In general, the policy is to levy higher import duty on finished products as compared to the raw materials. However, there are other factors also like the need to give protection to the indigenous manufacturers which are taken into consideration while fixing the import duty levels.

At present, there are no proposals for changing the rates of import duty on flouro-polymers and flouro-elastomers.

Import of Tractors from China

1869. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to import a few thousand 12 to 18 horse power small tractors from China: and

(b) if so, when these are likely to be imported and at what price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) (a) and (b) An agricultural machinery delegation had visited China under the Science and Technology exchange programme and they had shown some interest in the mini-tractors being used by the Chinese farmers. However no concrete proposal for import has emerged so far.

Decoration of Duty Free shops at Delhi Airport

1870. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India Tourism Developm nt Corporation has entered into an agrement with a West German consultant to decorate the Duty Free Shops at the Delhi Airport;

(b) whether Government are aware that the said German firm has further made an agreement